# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2016

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering May 15th to 21st, 2016, there were 577,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 17,700 from April 2016 but 4,900 less than the number employed in May 2015.

Agricultural employment was 43,900 persons in May 2016, up 4,100 from the April 2016 level and 1,000 more than the May 2015 agricultural employment level of 42,900. Non-agricultural employment was 533,900 persons in May 2016. This is an increase of 13,600 from the April 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 520,300 but 5,900 less than May 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2016 was 5.8 percent. This is a decrease of 1.2 percentage points from the April 2016 rate of 7.0 percent but 0.5 percentage points higher than the May 2015 level of 5.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 11,000 to 613,500 persons in May 2016 from 602,500 persons in April 2016. This is 1,800 less than the May 2015 labour force of 615,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.2 percentage points to 70.7 percent in May 2016 from 69.5 percent in April 2016. The May 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.5 percent.

There were 35,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2016. This is a decrease of 6,600 from April 2016 but is 3,200 more than the number unemployed in May 2015.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2016, up 2,200 from the April 2016 level of 566,700 but down 6,400 from the May 2015 employment level of 575,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2016 was 6.0 percent. This is an decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the April 2016 rate of 6.3 percent but 1.0 percentage points higher than the May 2015 rate of 5.0 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 434,500 persons in May 2016 to 18,258,700 persons from 17,824,200 persons in April 2016. In May 2015, there were 18,110,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.6 percentage points in May 2016 to 6.9 percent from the April 2016 level of 7.5 percent. In May 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.9 percent in May 2016. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than April 2016 but 0.1 percentage points higher than the May 2015 level of 6.8 percent.

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## TABLE 1

## SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 19,620.9 | 19,269.0 | 19,484.2 | 351.9 | 136.7 |
| Employed ('000) | 18,258.7 | 17,824.2 | 18,110.5 | 434.5 | 148.2 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 14,842.2 | 14,298.5 | 14,671.9 | 543.7 | 170.3 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,416.5 | 3,525.7 | 3,438.6 | -109.2 | -22.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,362.2 | 1,444.8 | 1,373.7 | -82.6 | -11.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.1 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.9 | 7.1 | 6.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.4 | 65.3 | 66.7 | 1.1 | -0.3 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 613.5 | 602.5 | 615.3 | 11.0 | -1.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 577.8 | 560.1 | 582.7 | 17.7 | -4.9 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 477.0 | 458.6 | 484.2 | 18.4 | -7.2 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 100.8 | 101.5 | 98.5 | -0.7 | 2.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 35.8 | 42.4 | 32.6 | -6.6 | 3.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.8 | 7.0 | 5.3 | -1.2 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.0 | -0.3 | 1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.7 | 69.5 | 71.5 | 1.2 | -0.8 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,472.2 | 2,439.0 | 2,479.0 | 33.2 | -6.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,271.3 | 2,242.3 | 2,324.3 | 29.0 | -53.0 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,848.4 | 1,824.1 | 1,943.9 | 24.3 | -95.5 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 422.9 | 418.2 | 380.4 | 4.7 | 42.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 201.0 | 196.6 | 154.7 | 4.4 | 46.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 7.8 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.8 | 71.9 | 74.1 | 0.9 | -1.3 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 682.9 | 669.9 | 679.5 | 13.0 | 3.4 |
| Employed ('000) | 642.8 | 627.8 | 640.1 | 15.0 | 2.7 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 521.8 | 508.2 | 518.5 | 13.6 | 3.3 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 121.0 | 119.7 | 121.6 | 1.3 | -0.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 40.1 | 42.1 | 39.4 | -2.0 | 0.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.8 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.7 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.5 | 67.2 | 68.9 | 1.3 | -0.4 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
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## TABLE 2

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 613.5 | 602.5 | 615.3 | 11.0 | -1.8 |
| Male | 334.4 | 330.1 | 332.4 | 4.3 | 2.0 |
| Female | 279.2 | 272.4 | 282.9 | 6.8 | -3.7 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 95.8 | 86.4 | 99.8 | 9.4 | -4.0 |
| 25+ Years of age | 517.8 | 516.1 | 515.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 577.8 | 560.1 | 582.7 | 17.7 | -4.9 |
| Male | 313.6 | 303.0 | 315.4 | 10.6 | -1.8 |
| Female | 264.2 | 257.1 | 267.2 | 7.1 | -3.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 85.2 | 74.0 | 88.1 | 11.2 | -2.9 |
| 25+ Years of age | 492.6 | 486.0 | 494.5 | 6.6 | -1.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 35.8 | 42.4 | 32.6 | -6.6 | 3.2 |
| Male | 20.8 | 27.1 | 16.9 | -6.3 | 3.9 |
| Female | 15.0 | 15.4 | 15.7 | -0.4 | -0.7 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 10.5 | 12.3 | 9.1 | -1.8 | 1.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 25.2 | 30.1 | 15.0 | -4.9 | 10.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 5.8 | 7.0 | 5.3 | -1.2 | 0.5 |
| Male | 6.2 | 8.2 | 5.1 | -2.0 | 1.1 |
| Female | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 11.0 | 14.2 | 11.7 | -3.2 | -0.7 |
| 25+ Years of age | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.1 | -0.9 | 0.8 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 70.7 | 69.5 | 71.5 | 1.2 | -0.8 |
| Male | 76.4 | 75.5 | 76.7 | 0.9 | -0.3 |
| Female | 64.9 | 63.4 | 66.3 | 1.5 | -1.4 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 71.1 | 64.0 | 72.8 | 7.1 | -1.7 |
| 25+ Years of age | 70.7 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 0.2 | -0.6 |

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## TABLE 3

## SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 43.9 | 39.8 | 42.9 | 4.1 | 1.0 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 24.9 | 24.2 | 26.0 | 0.7 | -1.1 |
| Utilities | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Construction | 52.0 | 50.0 | 57.8 | 2.0 | -5.8 |
| Manufacturing | 24.5 | 24.8 | 25.3 | -0.3 | -0.8 |
| Trade | 87.4 | 86.4 | 80.8 | 1.0 | 6.6 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 27.4 | 27.0 | 30.6 | 0.4 | -3.2 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 30.3 | 30.0 | 30.9 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 28.0 | 27.5 | 24.0 | 0.5 | 4.0 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 12.6 | 13.1 | 15.3 | -0.5 | -2.7 |
| Educational Services | 42.9 | 43.5 | 48.2 | -0.6 | -5.3 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 79.1 | 78.8 | 79.9 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 22.1 | 17.8 | 18.9 | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 40.1 | 36.5 | 39.0 | 3.6 | 1.1 |
| Other Services | 25.5 | 25.5 | 26.5 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Public Administration | 29.7 | 28.0 | 29.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| Total | 577.8 | 560.1 | 582.7 | 17.7 | -4.9 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 477.0 | 458.6 | 484.2 | 18.4 | -7.2 |
| Part-Time | 100.8 | 101.5 | 98.5 | -0.7 | 2.3 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 469.6 | 454.1 | 479.2 | 15.5 | -9.6 |
| Public Sector | 142.9 | 140.6 | 147.8 | 2.3 | -4.9 |
| Private Sector | 326.7 | 313.4 | 331.3 | 13.3 | -4.6 |
| Self-Employed | 108.2 | 106.0 | 103.5 | 2.2 | 4.7 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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**TABLE 4**

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 18,258.7 | 17,824.2 | 18,110.5 | 434.5 | 148.2 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 241.7 | 228.7 | 237.1 | 13.0 | 4.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 74.0 | 67.0 | 74.3 | 7.0 | -0.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 452.7 | 439.7 | 453.1 | 13.0 | -0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 355.1 | 339.1 | 356.4 | 16.0 | -1.3 |
| Quebec | 4,164.7 | 4,040.0 | 4,141.1 | 124.7 | 23.6 |
| Ontario | 7,091.7 | 6,921.5 | 6,998.0 | 170.2 | 93.7 |
| Manitoba | 642.8 | 627.8 | 640.1 | 15.0 | 2.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 577.8 | 560.1 | 582.7 | 17.7 | -4.9 |
| Alberta | 2,271.3 | 2,242.3 | 2,324.3 | 29.0 | -53.0 |
| British Columbia | 2,386.9 | 2,357.9 | 2,303.4 | 29.0 | 83.5 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.1 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 11.3 | 14.7 | 13.9 | -3.4 | -2.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8.9 | 15.0 | 10.3 | -6.1 | -1.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 7.9 | 9.1 | 8.8 | -1.2 | -0.9 |
| New Brunswick | 9.8 | 11.4 | 10.2 | -1.6 | -0.4 |
| Quebec | 7.0 | 8.1 | 7.6 | -1.1 | -0.6 |
| Ontario | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.9 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Manitoba | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.8 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 5.8 | 7.0 | 5.3 | -1.2 | 0.5 |
| Alberta | 8.1 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| British Columbia | 6.2 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 0.6 | -0.2 |

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**TABLE 5**

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(Seasonally Adjusted)**

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 18,055.2 | 18,041.4 | 17,946.7 | 13.8 | 108.5 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 238.8 | 237.2 | 233.1 | 1.6 | 5.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 71.8 | 71.1 | 72.4 | 0.7 | -0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 446.1 | 449.7 | 447.4 | -3.6 | -1.3 |
| New Brunswick | 348.4 | 349.3 | 351.2 | -0.9 | -2.8 |
| Quebec | 4,122.0 | 4,100.4 | 4,103.8 | 21.6 | 18.2 |
| Ontario | 7,006.9 | 6,985.3 | 6,928.1 | 21.6 | 78.8 |
| Manitoba | 636.1 | 633.2 | 634.9 | 2.9 | 1.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 568.9 | 566.7 | 575.3 | 2.2 | -6.4 |
| Alberta | 2,251.5 | 2,275.6 | 2,305.3 | -24.1 | -53.8 |
| British Columbia | 2,364.6 | 2,373.0 | 2,295.1 | -8.4 | 69.5 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.9 | 7.1 | 6.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 11.7 | 12.5 | 13.6 | -0.8 | -1.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 10.4 | 11.5 | 10.9 | -1.1 | -0.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 9.9 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Quebec | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.7 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| Ontario | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.5 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| Manitoba | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.7 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.0 | -0.3 | 1.0 |
| Alberta | 7.8 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| British Columbia | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

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## TABLE 6

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 6.9 | 7.8 | 6.8 | -0.9 | 0.1 |
| Halifax | 6.5 | 7.4 | 7.1 | -0.9 | -0.6 |
| Saint John | 8.8 | 9.2 | 8.2 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| Quebec | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.5 | -0.8 | -0.2 |
| Montreal | 8.3 | 8.7 | 8.6 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.5 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| Toronto | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Greater Sudbury | 9.1 | 9.2 | 7.6 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Winnipeg | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Regina | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.5 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| Saskatoon | 7.0 | 7.5 | 5.5 | -0.5 | 1.5 |
| Calgary | 8.6 | 8.7 | 6.0 | -0.1 | 2.6 |
| Edmonton | 7.4 | 7.5 | 6.8 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Vancouver | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.2 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Victoria | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.9 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 183.9 | 181.5 | 180.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 53.5 | 52.4 | 55.4 | 1.1 | -1.9 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 191.6 | 190.0 | 196.3 | 1.6 | -4.7 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 36.8 | 35.1 | 38.3 | 1.7 | -1.5 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 99.9 | 99.2 | 101.3 | 0.7 | -1.4 |

**Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**

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## TABLE 7

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | May 2016 | April 2016 | May 2015 | Last Month | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 605.3 | 599.4 | 601.8 | 5.9 | 3.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 565.4 | 558.2 | 571.6 | 7.2 | -6.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 39.9 | 41.1 | 30.2 | -1.2 | 9.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.6 | 6.9 | 5.0 | -0.3 | 1.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 69.2 | 70.0 | 0.6 | -0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.2 | 64.4 | 66.5 | 0.8 | -1.3 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 552.8 | 547.7 | 551.8 | 5.1 | 1.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 521.5 | 514.9 | 527.1 | 6.6 | -5.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 31.3 | 32.8 | 24.7 | -1.5 | 6.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.7 | 6.0 | 4.5 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.3 | 69.6 | 70.5 | 0.7 | -0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.3 | 65.4 | 67.4 | 0.9 | -1.1 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 52.5 | 51.7 | 50.0 | 0.8 | 2.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 43.9 | 43.3 | 44.5 | 0.6 | -0.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.6 | 8.4 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 3.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 16.4 | 16.2 | 11.0 | 0.2 | 5.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.4 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.7 | 54.4 | 57.8 | 0.3 | -3.1 |
| **FIRST NATIONS** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 20.5 | 20.1 | 18.4 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| Employed ('000) | 15.3 | 15.0 | 15.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.2 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 25.3 | 25.1 | 16.7 | 0.2 | 8.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 59.3 | 58.7 | 56.6 | 0.6 | 2.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 44.3 | 44.0 | 47.1 | 0.3 | -2.8 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 31.5 | 31.2 | 31.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 28.1 | 27.8 | 29.1 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.8 | 10.7 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.9 | 70.6 | 71.2 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.2 | 63.1 | 65.7 | 0.1 | -2.5 |

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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